

**Vision Education & Personnel Committee  
Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2002  
Emergency Medical Services Authority  
1930 - 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, California  
10:00am – 4:00pm**

**I. Introductions**

Members Present:

Debbie Becker (Committee Lead)  
Nancy Steiner (EMSA Staff/Lead)  
Sean Trask (EMSA Staff)  
Debi Moffat (Palomar College Paramedic Program)  
Louis Bruhnke (North Coast EMS Agency)  
Steve Maiero (CSFA)

Non-Members Present:

Miranda Swanson (EMSA Staff)  
Andrea Zeboski (Vision Office)

The minutes from the last meeting (5/22/02) were approved by consensus with a minor change. A typo on page 3 was recorded and corrected.

**II. Scope of Practice Document**

1. Nancy announced that the proposed changes to the Paramedic Regulations were approved and will take effect in mid-July. However, the 'Fees' section has not yet been approved and Nancy will give an update on the progress at the next meeting.
2. Nancy distributed a document outlining EMDAC's recommendations for the paramedic basic scope of practice from 1997.
3. The finalized document with Education & Personnel's recommendations will be finalized and sent to the committee via e-mail for comment before it is sent to EMDAC. Nancy will make the changes to the document and send it out.

**III. Survey for Rural Education**

1. Sean received a number of responses from the various counties.
2. Northern California EMS Agency conducted a study of rural areas in May 2002, and covered all certification levels.
3. Although Sean has not had a chance to review the entire study, many of its conclusions were the same as the responses he has received in his surveys for rural education.
4. The committee discussed some of the ways that the problems can be addressed. Debbie Becker will create a draft of proposed recommendations, including: a packet with instructor requirements, certain topics (relevant to different areas), how to assess what an area's needs are, how to put together a module, etc.
5. Debbie will send out a list of recommendations for comments from the committee.

#### **IV. Draft EMT-I and EMT-II Regulations**

##### **? EMT-I**

1. Letters were sent to Chauncey and National Registry and the task force is waiting for a response to further questions about their tests and process.
2. The EMT-I task force has reviewed the scope of practice section, and there is consensus in keeping the current regulations.
3. The group is waiting on feedback from CAA on local policies for transporting; they are also waiting for comments from EMDAC.

##### **? EMT-II**

4. The EMT-II Regulations have been put on hold because EMSA does not have the staff or budget to continue this responsibility at this time.

#### **V. Objective 5**

1. The committee discussed different ways to educate the public on the appropriate use of the emergency room.
2. The group decided that either an education program template or a brochure would best address this objective.
3. The Vision Office will work on a brochure and it will be sent out by mid-August for comments from the committee.
4. The Vision Office will also coordinate with Jeff Rubin and the Hospital Overcrowding Committee on this document.

#### **VI. Review of MDOs**

This topic will be discussed at the next meeting. The MDOs were adopted for Paramedics and Debi Moffat will review them and apply them to EMT-Is for the purpose of adopting MDOs for EMT-Is.

#### **VII. Objective 6 – Professionalism**

1. Louis developed a preliminary draft with ideas on how to address this objective.
2. The committee thought about how to encourage professionalism with EMTs and Paramedics.
3. Debbie Becker distributed a document of the EMS Systems Roles and Responsibilities, which outlined the “Attributes of Professionalism Applied to the Role of the Paramedic.”
4. It was proposed that there should be some sort of state award (similar to the “Star of Life”) that would be given to an EMT or Paramedic who has exemplified all of the attributes of professionalism. Sean and Miranda will discuss this idea with Dan Smiley and Richard Watson before the next Education & Personnel meeting.
5. The committee will also work on a PowerPoint presentation that deals with professionalism topics for those in EMS-related fields.

#### **VIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2002 at the EMS Authority, from 10:00am – 4:00pm.